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Status

1)☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on *17 December 2001*.

2a)☐ This action is **FINAL**.   2b)☒ This action is non-final.

3)☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4)☒ Claim(s) *1-44* is/are pending in the application.

    4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6)☒ Claim(s) *1-44* is/are rejected.

7)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8)☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9)☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10)☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a)☐ accepted or b)☐ objected to by the Examiner.

    Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

    Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11)☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12)☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

    a)☐ All b)☐ Some * c)☐ None of:

      1.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

      2.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

      3.☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

    * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. This is in response to the communication filed on December 17, 2001. Claims 1-44 are

   pending in this application.

Information Disclosure Statement

2. The Information Disclosure Statement submitted on March 11, 2002 has been

   acknowledged, signed and attached to the pending letter.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all

obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or
described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject
matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole
would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary
skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived
by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-44 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over anticipated

   by Salim Kara (US Patent No. 6,233,568) hereinafter referenced as Kara in further view

   of Guy Tozzoli (US Patent No. 6,151,588) hereinafter referenced as Tozzoli.

As Per Claim 1:

Kara discloses a method for communicating shipping orders for postal matter between a

shipper and at least one carrier, comprising the steps of, [{abstract}, that shipping service

providers utilize the processor to store and dispense authorization of shipping service]:

** the claim stating: relaying said shipping order from said intermediary to the selected carrier, [{col. 5, lines 55-60}, provide a user wit information regarding shipping an item by way of shipping services].

Kara doesn't explicitly mention:

***the claim stating: selecting a carrier from among a plurality of available carriers according to at least one predetermined selection criterion, at a time selected from the group consisting of a time before receipt of said shipping order by said intermediary and a time after receipt of said shipping order by said intermediary; and

Kara doesn't explicitly mention:

** the claim stating: receiving a shipping order, at an intermediary, from a shipper for at least one postal item.

However Kara teaches in column 3, lines 32-35, that systems present fee collections problems as the shipping service providers establish accounts, either postpaid or prepaid, in order to service these accounts. This suggests that a shipping order is taking place from at least one shipper (customer) for at least a postal item. One of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made would have found it obvious to include: receiving or placing a shipping order from at least a shipper (customer) for a postal item combined with selecting a carrier and sending shipping orders to a carrier. Kara's motivation allows the user to select a delivery service provider (carrier) located in column 3, lines 53-56 and provide the user with information regarding shipping an item by the shipping service (carrier) referenced in column 5 pertaining to lines 55-60.

However Tozzoli discloses a method wherein selecting a carrier from among a plurality of available carriers according to at least one predetermined selection criterion, at a time selected from the group consisting of a time before receipt of said shipping order by said intermediary and a time after receipt of said shipping order by said intermediary in [{column 2, lines 50-55, that the buyer gives its agent, broker, the necessary documentation, then buyer obtains goods and arranges for delivery]. One of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made would have found it obvious to include receiving a shipping order at an intermediary and selecting a carrier among available carriers to form the invention that deals with receiving shipping orders and selecting a carrier. The motivation of inventing a system that receives a shipping order and selects a carrier.

As Per Claims 2, 10 and 19:

Kara discloses a method selecting said carrier at said intermediary after receipt of said shipping order, [{col.4, lines 13-14}, select a shipping delivery service provider].

As Per Claims 3, 11, 20 and 28:

Kara discloses a method wherein shipping of said postal item has a conveyage remuneration associated therewith, and comprising the step of said selected carrier charging said intermediary for said conveyage remuneration, and said intermediary sending an invoice to said shipper for an invoice amount dependent on said conveyage remuneration, [{col.5, lines 51-52. calculating shipping fees} and {col.4, lines 55-58}, the device stores an amount of credit from

which the debit amount is deducted] This suggest that a shipping cost is calculated then a

provider (carrier) is chosen to deliver the postal item. The processor stores the account

information in memory in col.4, lines 35-44.

As Per Claims 4, 12, 21 and 29:

Kara discloses a method maintaining a shipper account of said shipper accessible by said

intermediary, and deducting said invoice amount from said shipper account according to a

predetermined debiting criterion, [{col.5, lines 51-52. calculating shipping fees} and {col.4, lines

55-58}, the device stores an amount of credit from which the debit amount is deducted] and in

column 5, lines 12-21}, conduct an account for the credit transaction through printing an

indication of an obligation to pay for the services and stored. This suggest that the shipper has an

account that is deducted based on the services provided which the data is stored in the memory

(receipt).

As Per Claims 5, 13, 22 and 30:

Kara discloses a method wherein said intermediary deducts said invoice amount from

said shipper account after receipt of said shipping order and selection of said carrier, [{col.5,

lines 55-57}, the processor device stores an amount of credit from which the debit amount is

deducted].

As Per Claims 6, 14 and 23:

Kara discloses a method comprising the step of transferring said conveyage remuneration

from said intermediary to a carrier account for said selected carrier according to a predetermined

transfer criterion, [{abstract} payment conditions are met then the system issues funds transfer to transfer payment].

As Per Claims 7, 15 and 24:

Kara discloses a method comprising acquiring, at said intermediary, a specified transport capacity from said carrier at least in advance of relaying said shipping order from said intermediary to said selected carrier, [{col.1, lines 51-54}, the shipper, via carrier, transport the goods to the buyers location] and col.4, lines 13-14, select a shipping/ delivery service provider].

As Per Claims 8, 16, 25 and 31:

Kara discloses shipping order at said intermediary,

Kara doesn't explicitly mention:

** the claim stating: generating an identifier pair at said intermediary composed of a first identifier for linking with said postal item and a second identifier, said first and second identifiers having a predetermined relationship with each other, and forwarding said second identifier from said intermediary to said selected carrier,

But Tozzoli et al teaches after receipt of said shipping order at said intermediary, generating an identifier pair at said intermediary composed of a first identifier for linking with said postal item and a second identifier, said first and second identifiers having a predetermined relationship with each other, and forwarding said second identifier from said intermediary to said selected carrier, [{col.8, lines 49-58}, electronically forwards to shipper in turn selects the carrier. This suggests that the postal item has been identified, the invoice has been created and

debited and the selected carrier ships the postal item. One of ordinary skill in the art at the time

the invention was made would have found it obvious to include: identifiers on the postal item

while shipping to the selected carrier.

As Per Claim 9:

Kara discloses a method for forwarding postal matter in a route from a shipper to a

recipient, comprising the steps of:

Kara doesn't explicitly mention:

***the claim stating: selecting a carrier from among a plurality of available carriers according to

at least one predetermined selection criterion, at a time selected from the group consisting of a

time before receipt of said shipping order by said intermediary and a time after receipt of said

shipping order by said intermediary; and

selects a carrier.

** the claim stating: delivering said postal item to said shipper to said intermediary,

[{col.4, lines 13-14}, select delivery service provider] ;

** the claim stating: relaying said shipping order from said intermediary to said selected

carrier, [{col.5, lines 55-60}, provide a user with information regarding shipping an

item by way of shipping services]; and

** the claim stating: relaying said postal item from said intermediary to said selected

carrier, [{col.4, lines 13-14}, select delivery service provider].

Kara doesn't explicitly mention:

** the claim stating: receiving a shipping order, at an intermediary, from a shipper for at least one postal item.

However Kara teaches in column 3, lines 32-35, that systems present fee collections problems as the shipping service providers establish accounts, either postpaid or prepaid, in order to service these accounts. This suggests that a shipping order is taking place from at least one shipper (customer) for at least a postal item. One of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made would have found it obvious to include: receiving or placing a shipping order from at least a shipper (customer) for a postal item combined with selecting a carrier and sending shipping orders to a carrier. Kara's motivation allows the user to select a delivery service provider (carrier) located in column 3, lines 53-56 and provide the user with information regarding shipping an item by the shipping service (carrier) referenced in column 5 pertaining to lines 55-60.

However Tozzoli discloses a method wherein selecting a carrier from among a plurality of available carriers according to at least one predetermined selection criterion, at a time selected from the group consisting of a time before receipt of said shipping order by said intermediary and a time after receipt of said shipping order by said intermediary in [{column 2, lines 50-55, that the buyer gives its agent, broker, the necessary documentation, then buyer obtains goods and arranges for delivery]. One of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made would have found it obvious to include receiving a shipping order at an intermediary and selecting a carrier among available carriers to form the invention that deals with receiving shipping orders and selecting a carrier. The motivation of inventing a system that receives a shipping order and

As Per Claims 17 and 26:

Kara doesn't explicitly mention:

** the claim stating: A method comprising forwarding said first identifier from said intermediary to said shipper for linking with said postal item.

Tozzoli discloses a method comprising forwarding said first identifier from said intermediary to said shipper for linking with said postal item in {figure 1}.

One of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made would have found it obvious to include: a system that communicates shipping order attached to identifiers within the system taught by Tozzoli with the motivation of allowing postal items to be identifier by attaching identifiers to the postal item for shipping purposes.

As Per Claim 18:

Kara discloses

** the claim stating: selecting a carrier for said postal item from among a plurality of available carrier according to at least one predetermined selection criterion, at a time selected from the group consisting of a time before receipt of said shipping order by said intermediary and a time after receipt of said shipping order by said intermediary, [{column 5, lines 55-60}, decision on which provider to choose] and col.3, lines 11-13, states that delivery is guaranteed by the day or time stated]; but

Kara doesn't explicitly mention:

** the claim stating: A method for conveying postal matter from a shipper to a recipient comprising the steps of:

** the claim stating: preparing a shipping order at a shipper for at least one postal item;

** the claim stating: forwarding said shipping order from said shipper to an intermediary;

** the claim stating: relaying said shipping order from said intermediary to the

selected carrier;

** the claim stating: relaying the postal item to the selected carrier; and conveying the

postal item from the selected carrier to the recipient.

Tozzoli discloses a method:

** the claim stating: preparing a shipping order at a shipper for at least one postal item,

[{col.7, lines 50-57}, sending of a parcel in the mail system];

** the claim stating: forwarding said shipping order from said shipper to an intermediary,

[{figure 4}, forwarder, shipper,{col.4, lines 58-65}];

** the claim stating: relaying said shipping order from said intermediary to the selected

carrier, [{Figure 3A, 620, 700}, prepare shipping and delivered to carrier];

** the claim stating: relaying the postal item to the selected carrier; and conveying the

postal item from the selected carrier to the recipient, [{Figure 1}, buyer and {col.2, lines 36-40},

provides seller with bill].

One of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made would have found it

obvious to include: to combine Kara's method of selecting a time period in conjunction with

selecting the carrier to formulate a invention that deals with selecting a provider (carrier) to

deliver the postal items within the selected time frame.

As Per Claim 27:

Kara discloses a method for communicating a shipping order for postal matter between a

shipper and at least one carrier, comprising the steps of:

** the claim stating: at an intermediary, acquiring a specific transport capacity from a

carrier, [{col.1, lines 51-54}, the shipper via carrier, transport the goods to the buyers

location];

Kara doesn't explicitly mention:

**the claim stating: receiving a shipping order from a shipper for at least one postal item

at said intermediary

However Tozzoli teaches **the claim stating: receiving a shipping order from a shipper

for at least one postal item at said intermediary in {column 2, lines 34-40}, that the shipper

provides the seller with a bill, after verifying the documentation, the bank pays the seller}.

One of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made would have found it

obvious to include communicating shipping orders with acquiring a transport capacity in order

for the the carrier to receive and delivery the item.

** the claim stating: and relaying said shipping order from said intermediary to said

carrier and thereby making a reduction to said specific transport capacity, {[{col.1, lines 51-54},

the shipper via carrier, transport the goods to the buyers location];

As Per Claim 32:

Kara doesn'the claim stating: explicitly mention:

method comprising receiving said postal item at said intermediary and forwarding said

postal item from said intermediary to said carrier,

Tozzoli discloses a method comprising receiving said postal item at said intermediary and forwarding said postal item from said intermediary to said carrier, [{see figure 1 details}, forwarding and shipping].

One of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made would have found it obvious to includes a shipping provider capable of communicating shipping orders to carriers by forwarding the postal item. Tozzoli motivation encompasses a method that is capable of forwarding shipping and postal items.

As Per Claim 33:

Kara discloses a method and at least one of said intermediary's data processor and said shipper's data processor being programmed for selecting a carrier for said postal item from among a plurality of available carriers according to at least one predetermined selection criterion, at a time selected from the group consisting of a time before receipt of said shipping order by said intermediary and a time after receipt of said shipping order by said intermediary, [{column 5, lines 55-60}, decision on which provider to choose]. But does not explicitly mention

** the claim stating: system for communicating shipping orders for postal matter between a shipper and at least one carrier, comprising:

** the claim stating: a shipper's data processor located at a shipper; an intermediary's data processor located at an intermediary;

** the claim stating: a communication link for establishing at least a temporary communication connection between said shipper's data processor and said intermediary's data processor;

said shipper's data processor being programmed for sending a shipping order from said

shipper via said communication connection for at least one postal item to said intermediary's data

processor;

Tozzoli discloses:

** the claim stating: a shipper's data processor located at a shipper; an intermediary's data

processor located at an intermediary, [{figure 4 } and {col.4, lines 53-65}, trade system

comprises a central computing facility, telecommunication, communication with trade system,

forwarder and shipper];

** the claim stating: a communication link for establishing at least a temporary

communication connection between said shipper's data processor and said intermediary's data

processor[{figure 4 } and {col.4, lines 53-65}, trade system comprises a central computing

facility, telecommunication, communication with trade system network, processor];

said shipper's data processor being programmed for sending a shipping order from said

shipper via said communication connection for at least one postal item to said intermediary's data

processor, [{figure 4 } and {col.4, lines 53-65}, trade system comprises a central computing

facility, telecommunication, communication with trade system];

One of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made would have found it

obvious to include a system that communicates shipping orders via a data processor for at least a

postal item. The motivation for combining Kara and Tozzoli allows for a system to be able to

communicate shipping orders via a processor, which would make the operation of the system for

efficient.

As Per Claim 34:

Kara discloses a method and at least one of said intermediary's data processor and said

shipper's data processor being programmed for selecting a carrier for said postal item from

among a plurality of available carriers according to at least one predetermined selection criterion,

at a time selected from the group consisting of a time before receipt of said shipping order by

said intermediary and a time after receipt of said shipping order by said intermediary, [{column

5, lines 55-60}, decision on which provider to choose].

But does not explicitly mention

** the claim stating: A system as comprising a carrier's data processor at said selected

carrier, a further communication link for establishing at least a temporary further communication

link between said intermediary's data processor and said carrier's data processor, and wherein

said intermediary's data processor is programmed for forwarding said shipping order via said

further communication link from said intermediary's data processor to said carrier's data

processor

Tozzoli discloses:

** the claim stating: A system as comprising a carrier's data processor at said selected carrier, a

further communication link for establishing at least a temporary further communication link

between said intermediary's data processor and said carrier's data processor, and wherein said

intermediary's data processor is programmed for forwarding said shipping order via said further

communication link from said intermediary's data processor to said carrier's data processor, [{see

col. 8 lines 39-46}, templates produced by the processors and figure 1, element 20A and figure 4,

forwarder, shipper and col.5, lines 1-6, communication interface and communication with remote telecommunication links].

One of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made would have found it obvious to include a system that communicates shipping orders via a data processor for at least a postal item. The motivation for combining Kara and Tozzoli allows for a system to be able to communicate shipping orders via a processor, which would make the operation of the system for efficient.

As Per Claim 35:

Kara doesn't explicitly disclose a system wherein said intermediary's data processor is programmed to select said carrier from among said plurality of available carriers after receiving said shipping order.

Tozzoli discloses a system wherein said intermediary's data processor is programmed to select said carrier from among said plurality of available carriers after receiving said shipping order, [{see figure 4 details}].

One of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made would have found it obvious to include a system that communicates shipping orders via a data processor for at least a postal item. The motivation for combining Kara and Tozzoli allows for a system to be able to communicate shipping orders via a processor, which would make the operation of the system for efficient.

As Per Claim 36:

Kara discloses a system wherein conveying of said postal item by said carrier to a

recipient has a conveyage remuneration associated therewith, [{col.5, lines 51-52}, calculating

shipping fees], **but doesn't explicitly mention**

** the claim stating: and wherein said intermediary's data processor is programmed to

access a shipper account to reduce said shipper account by an invoice amount dependent on said

conveyage remuneration, according to a predetermined account reduction criterion.

Tozzoli discloses

wherein said intermediary's data processor is programmed to access a shipper account to

reduce said shipper account by an invoice amount dependent on said conveyage remuneration,

according to a predetermined account reduction criterion, [{see figure 4 details}.

One of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made would have found it

obvious to include a system that communicates shipping orders via a data processor for at least a

postal item. The motivation for combining Kara and Tozzoli allows for a system to be able to

communicate shipping orders via a processor, which would make the operation of the system for

efficient.

As Per Claim 37:

Kara doesn't explicitly mention a system comprising a bank's data processor located at

a bank at which said shipper has a shipper account, and further comprising a further

communication link for establishing at least a temporary further communication connection

between said intermediary's data processor and said bank's data processor, and wherein said

intermediary's data processor is programmed to prepare and forward a debiting order, via said

further communication link, to said bank's data processor for causing said bank's data processor

to deduct an invoice amount from said shipper account, according to a predetermined debiting

criterion.

Tozzoli discloses:

a system comprising a bank's data processor located at a bank at which said shipper has a

shipper account, and further comprising a further communication link for establishing at least a

temporary further communication connection between said intermediary's data processor and

said bank's data processor, and wherein said intermediary's data processor is programmed to

prepare and forward a debiting order, via said further communication link, to said bank's data

processor for causing said bank's data processor to deduct an invoice amount from said shipper

account, according to a predetermined debiting criterion, [{see figure 4 details in column 4

through column 5].

One of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made would have found it

obvious to include a system that communicates shipping orders via a data processor for at least a

postal item. The motivation for combining Kara and Tozzoli allows for a system to be able to

communicate shipping orders via a processor, which would make the operation of the system for

efficient.

As Per Claim 38:

Kara discloses a system as claimed in claim 37 wherein said intermediary's data

processor is programmed to employ receipt of said shipping order and selection of said carrier as

said predetermined debiting criterion, [{col.5, lines 11-15}, conduct an account for credit

transactions through printing an indication of obligation].

As Per Claim 39:

Kara doesn't explicitly mention a system as comprising a bank's data processor located at a bank at which said carrier has a carrier account, and a further communication link for establishing at least a temporary further communication connection between said intermediary's data processor and said bank's data processor, and wherein said intermediary's data processor is programmed for preparing and forwarding a transfer order via said further communication link to said bank's data processor for transferring a conveyage remuneration, for conveying said postal item, from an intermediary account to said carrier account, according to a predetermined transfer criterion.

Tozzoli discloses:

** the claim stating: a system as comprising a bank's data processor located at a bank at which said carrier has a carrier account, and a further communication link for establishing at least a temporary further communication connection between said intermediary's data processor and said bank's data processor, and wherein said intermediary's data processor is programmed for preparing and forwarding a transfer order via said further communication link to said bank's data processor for transferring a conveyage remuneration, for conveying said postal item, from an intermediary account to said carrier account, according to a predetermined transfer criterion, [{see figure 4 details} buyers and sellers bank, forward].

One of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made would have found it

obvious to include a system that communicates shipping orders via a data processor for at least a

postal item. The motivation for combining Kara and Tozzoli allows for a system to be able to

communicate shipping orders via a processor, which would make the operation of the system for

efficient.

As Per Claim 40:

Kara discloses a system wherein said intermediary's data processor is programmed to

generate an identifier pair composed of a first identifier for linking with said postal item and a

second identifier, said first and second identifiers having a predetermined relationship to each

other, and for forwarding said second identifier to said carrier after receipt of said shipping order,

[{col.8 lines 49-58}, electronically forwards to shipper in turn selects the carrier].

As Per Claim 41:

Kara discloses a system wherein said intermediary's data processor is programmed to

communicate said first identifier to said shipper's data processor via said communication link,

[{col.8 lines 49-58}, electronically forwards to shipper in turn selects the carrier].

As Per Claim 42:

Kara discloses a system comprising a device connected to said shipper's data processor

for linking said first identifier with said postal matter after receipt of said first identifier from

said intermediary's data processor, [{col.8 lines 49-58}, electronically forwards to shipper in turn

selects the carrier].

As Per Claim 43:

Kara discloses a system as claimed in claim 40 further comprising a carrier's data processor located at said carrier, and a further communication link, [(col4, lines 36-40} communication links] for establishing at least a temporary further communication connection between said intermediary's data processor and said carrier's data processor, and wherein said intermediary's data processor is programmed to transmit said second identifier, via said further communication connection, to said carrier's data processor, [{col.8 lines 49-58}, electronically forwards to shipper in turn selects the carrier].

As Per Claim 44:

Kara discloses a system as claimed in claim 43 further comprising a checking device connected to said carrier's data processor for reading said first identifier linked with said postal item and for comparing said first identifier to said second identifier, [{col.8 lines 49-58}, electronically forwards to shipper in turn selects the carrier].

Conclusion

Any concerns in regard to this communication, the examiner **Jon Bass** can be reached at **(571) 272-6905** between the hours of **9-6pm Monday through Friday.** The fax number for the establishment where the application is being process is **(571) 273-8300.**

If an attempt to reach the examiner is unsuccessful for any reason, the examiner's immediate supervisor, **John Hayes** can be reached at **(571) 272-6708.**
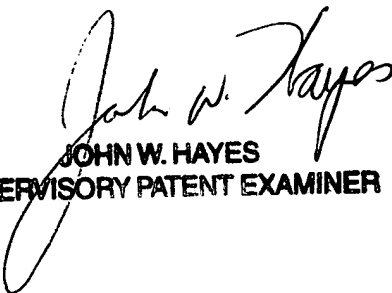
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